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February 2, 2010

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**RECOMMENDATION TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS AND ENTER INTO A
CONTRACT FOR THE COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM
(ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Authorize the Director of the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) to accept Program Year (PY) 2010 Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funding and enter into a contract with the State Department of Community Services and Development (CSD).

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Authorize the Director of DPSS to accept PY 2010 CSBG funding from CSD which is estimated to be \$6,873,000, which is at the same level of funding as PY 2009.
2. Delegate authority to the Director of DPSS to execute the State Standard Agreement for the PY 2010 CSBG funding and any required term extensions, modifications, and/or amendments, and to accept additions to or reductions in CSBG funding, up to 25% of the anticipated grant award with approval of County Counsel and the Chief Executive Office (CEO) prior to executing the amendment and the Director of DPSS confirms in writing to the Board of Supervisors and the CEO within ten (10) working days of execution of the amendment.

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PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The CSBG Program is administered by DPSS, which serves as a local Community Action Agency for the County of Los Angeles. Each calendar year, the County receives CSBG grant funding from the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services through CSD based on the latest census data on poverty individuals.

The CSBG Program is designed to provide services to assist low-income people to attain the skills, knowledge and motivation necessary to achieve self-sufficiency. The program provides low-income people with an array of immediate life necessities such as food, shelter, health care needs, counseling, employment services, etc. DPSS contracts with 65 community-based agencies to provide CSBG funded services to low-income individuals throughout the five Supervisorial Districts.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions are consistent with the principles of the Countywide Strategic Plan, Goal 5: Children and Families' Well-Being, as measured by achievements in the five outcome areas adopted by your Board: good health; economic well-being; safety and survival; social and emotional well-being; and education/workforce readiness.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Services provided under the CSBG program are fully funded by CSD PY 2010 funds. There is no net County cost.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The agreement will be between Los Angeles County DPSS and the State Department of CSD for PY 2010, ending December 31, 2010, for the provision of CSBG services to low-income individuals. The current contract expired on December 31, 2009; however, the state extended the contract through March 31, 2010. The agreement will be executed after we receive Board approval.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of the recommended actions will enable DPSS to continue providing CSBG services to low-income residents in all Supervisorial Districts of Los Angeles County through its CSBG network of 65 non-profit contractors. These recommendations will preclude any interruption of current services.

The cities of Los Angeles, Long Beach, Pasadena, South Pasadena, Duarte, Monrovia, Sierra Madre, Arcadia, and portions of Altadena receive CSBG funds directly. Residents in these areas will not be served under the County's CSBG Program but rather by their own community action agencies.

CONCLUSION

The Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors, is requested to return one adopted stamped Board Letter to the Director of DPSS.

Respectfully submitted,



Philip L. Browning
Director

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County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
Auditor-Controller
Community Action Board